

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### FROM LA LUZ.

La Luz, January 16.—The weather still continues simply perfect. One thing I will say, although it has often been mentioned before in your paper, and that is, we never have any snow weather in La Luz. This I state for the information of any of your readers who may be thinking of trying this climate. I know whereof I speak, for I kept the Signal Service office here for five years and a half, and for the first four years the mercury twice went down to 14, this being the minimum for two years prior to my taking the office. F. B. Stuart kept it first, so that we have a record of seven winters. As everybody knows, last February an exceptionally cold wave went all over our country. Many long standing signal stations in the period 30 degrees colder than they had had in thirty years. It was the coldest we had any record of here. On February 7 the self-registering instrument showed 2 degrees above zero, but five weather again in a couple of days. We also had our deepest snow at that time—six inches. We seldom have over three inches at a time. Most of the winter we have charming sunshine weather, just bracing enough mornings and evenings to keep a person feeling well toned up. Overcoats and heavy wraps are not needed during the middle of the day. No better climate can be found. Our moonlight nights are simply grand, and oh! what gorgeous sunsets!

Sidney Stearns and Mr. Hamblin, a guest of the La Luz hotel who is here for his health, walked to Alamogordo and back today just for the fun of the thing and a little recreation—distance six miles. Before they got home they concluded twelve miles was a little too much for a joke, especially with a warm New Mexico sun shining so brightly. Next time they will take a cooler day. Mr. Hamblin thinks there will be no next time for him, as he will try some other mode of transportation.

To those who would escape the awful rigors of March, there is no better locality than La Luz. I have lived here for over nine years and have always been surprised at how pleasant it is. The winds seem to be distributed through February and April as well as March, and we do not have snow or rain during that month, while in most localities it is the most trying and disagreeable month in the year.

Rev. Hoffman will preach for us next Saturday evening, and also at 11 a. m. Sunday, when the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed. He will also preach Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. Morrison, superintendent of missions, will not be able to be with us as expected.

I was down to the "Hub" Sunday afternoon, and coming home met what seemed to be your full force of types. Glad to see them have a day's outing. Many La Luzians also visited Alamogordo.

Donald Sutherland, who lives with his grandmother at La Luz, is slightly indisposed. Indications of measles, to which he was exposed in Alamogordo.

Mrs. George Ostie, our postmistress, says the cancellations at this office show a decided increase over last month, which speaks well for business.

Samuel West and family came down from the Sacramento mountains today to spend the rest of the winter here.

E. H. Shultz is on the other side of the white sand putting down a well.

A brother of James Green, with his family, has come to La Luz to live.

A light rain has set in and it is colder, which is good for fruit.

### CLOUDROBT ITEMS.

No marriages, deaths or births to report.

Toboggan has another saloon—Weems and Gribble, proprietors.

Mrs. Kate Dennis contemplates building a new residence on her place.

A. D. Wallace & Co., are the heaviest shippers of deer skins. They must pay liberal prices for them.

Bell & Bates are the new firm in merchandise at Upper Penasco, having bought out W. C. Smith.

Mrs. H. M. Dedrick is the champion cattle buyer of this region. Mr. Newton Walker is making purchases for her.

The wall of A. D. Wallace & Co.'s, new stone building is finished, including the vault, and is ready for the wood work.

The snow is two feet deep on the level. It fell the night of Jan. 8, and all day yesterday. It insures a good crop this year.

Geo. S. Good & Co., contractors, are laying track with vim and energy. Mr. Hitchcock being the "push" and Denny Driscoll boss tracklayer.

The bridges, and there are 26 of them, built for the A. & S. M. R'y from Toboggan to Cloudcroft, are being supervised by Messrs. Wm. Stallan and Dan Plym, are said to be stouter and stronger than any on the roads in Colorado. This information comes from experts.

Laurie & Frazier do all kinds of tin, sheet iron and copper work.

### For Public Buildings.

Washington, D. C., January 18.—There are over a hundred new bills for the erection of public buildings now on file in the house with more to come. There are also bills increasing the cost of nearly every building authorized by the last congress. A good many of these buildings are really needed, but the majority can be handed over to posterity for its consideration without any special damage to the present.

"Laugh and grow fat." is a good maxim, but "eat at the Hotel Orndorff and grow fat" is a better one. The Orndorff El Paso's best hotel.

Get Prices from Laurie & Frazier on all kinds of some jacks and ventilating fans.

### Subscription Day School.

In view of the public school closing its present term at the end of this week, Prof. T. F. Swanwick of the Alamogordo Commercial and Spanish School, proposes to open a private, or subscription, day school on the first Monday in February next.

Several parents have already notified the professor of their intention to enter their children in the school as soon as it commences, and we are informed that he has decided to admit pupils who have advanced as far as the third reader. The terms of tuition and the hours of attendance can be ascertained, by application to the principal. Professor Swanwick has an enviable reputation as an instructor, being formerly in charge of the Lincoln public school.

His stationery at Rhombberg's, P. O. block.

## PROMINENT PERSONS PARAGRAPHERD.

D. M. Barringer left for Cloudcroft Tuesday.

J. P. Whitney of Toboggan, was a visitor in town Thursday.

T. A. Lewis, representing the El Paso Daily News, is a visitor in the city.

County Clerk W. S. Shepherd made a business trip to El Paso last Monday.

Frank R. Harter of Toboggan spent Sunday visiting relatives in Alamogordo.

Rev. A. M. Lumkin of El Paso spent last Sunday in Alamogordo assisting in church work.

Wm. Hogan, "Schilling's Best" man, made Alamogordo this week. He couldn't make a better town.

President C. B. Eddy of the White Oaks route, spent the major portion of the week in Alamogordo.

F. H. Barnat of Mexico visited Alamogordo last week and marveled at the rapid growth of the town.

T. H. Tracy, the handling young president of the Pass City Foundry company, made a trip to Alamogordo this week.

Colonel DeForest of Colorado Springs was a visitor in Alamogordo this week. He will build a winter home at Tularosa.

W. M. Clute, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Lincoln county, was a visitor to Alamogordo last week.

D. E. Flavin of Chicago, representing the Fairbanks' Soap company, sold bills of his goods to Alamogordo business men this week.

Charles Moore and J. H. McDonald, Bay City, Michigan, lumbermen, are stopping in the city looking into the lumber business.

T. E. Peters of Bonita and N. L. Barwell of El Paso were in Alamogordo last Saturday. They were charmed with the beauty of the city.

W. W. Tillison and wife of Leadville, Colo., passed through Alamogordo last Saturday for the Captain, where they will reside in the future.

E. W. Brown of Captain imbibed a portion of the enthusiasm so characteristic of Alamogordo people last week. His trip was a short one.

George H. Fairbrother, a knight-of-the-grail from San Francisco, sold bills of goods to Captain and Alamogordo business men this week.

M. Simon of El Paso, traveling salesman for A. Mathias, arrived in Alamogordo this week and made a trip from here into the mountains.

John A. Hollars of White Oaks visited El Paso last week and passed through Alamogordo, gaining an idea of what railway enterprise will do for a live town.

A. J. King, cashier of the Alamogordo Improvement Co. at El Paso, passed through Alamogordo Monday en route to Captain. He will remain there several days.

Dr. E. V. Young and family, who spent last summer at Tularosa, have moved from Washington, D. C., to El Paso and will make their home there in the future.

C. A. Richardson of El Paso, book-keeper for Cashier A. J. King of the Southwestern Mercantile Co., passed through Alamogordo this week en route to Captain.

Tom Wilson, an El Paso railway man, visited Alamogordo last week in the interest of a new invention which is warranted to be the proper thing for switchmen to handle.

Manager L. B. Conroy of the Alamogordo Lumber company, made a trip to the woods last Sunday. No, the grand jury is not in session, reader. He just went up on business.

J. Frazier, of the firm of Laurie & Frazier was an El Paso visitor this week for the purpose of purchasing new hardware supplies through eastern salesmen who were making that town.

Miss L. Sanger of Los Angeles, Cal., was a visitor to Alamogordo from Tularosa last week, in company with her uncle, Mr. Baker. She will shortly return to her Los Angeles home.

H. M. Morse of New York, who has been touring Mexico, heard of Alamogordo in El Paso and made a trip up here last week for the purpose of imbibing some of the rarified ozone kept in stock.

H. J. Anderson, president of the First National bank of Alamogordo, made a trip to El Paso last week. The comparison between Alamogordo and El Paso was decidedly in favor of the former, of course.

A. C. Hawley of Washington, D. C., stopped over in Alamogordo last week after a trip to Captain. Of course he knows that the coal fields are all right and that Otero county has the best climate in the whole world.

Col. W. T. DeForest of Tularosa made a trip to the City of Mexico Monday. The colonel registers from Colorado Springs at the Alamogordo, but as he is to build a winter residence at Tularosa he can now be classed as a resident of the section.

R. H. Pierce, vice-president of the First National bank of Alamogordo, made his weekly trip to Alamogordo's suburban town last Saturday. When natural gas is struck it will not be in good form to refer to El Paso as "the suburb."

Robert C. Stewart, representing Browne & Manzanaras in El Paso, spent last week bucking snow on the line from Captain to White Oaks. He does not care for a similar experience, and would rather live in Alamogordo, where the weather is always mild.

William C. Prindle of Lock Haven, Pa., is in Otero county looking over the chances for investment, seeking the country, etc. If he does not think that it is the nicest country that the Almighty has ever planted, there is something wrong with his sense of appreciation.

G. F. Graves, manager of the Cash Clothing Co., made a trip to El Paso this week for the purpose of meeting eastern drummers and ordering a new stock of clothing, shoes, etc. He brought back a fine line of shirts which will be sold at the low prices characteristic of the Cash Clothing Co.

Nothing delights a lady more than a delicate perfume. In cut glass bottles at Aragon Bros.

I am now prepared to supply the local market with coal in any quantities. Delivered free. W. P. Johnson. City Transfer.

School to Close.

It is learned that the contract with the teachers of our public school expires tomorrow, and that the board of directors have decided to close the school at the end of the present week.

Ladies' Aid Society Supper.

The church supper at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening was a decided success, and the members of the Ladies' Aid Society are deserving of much praise, both for the manner in which the supper was cooked and the way in which it was served.

## AFFAIRS OF INTEREST HERE AT HOME.

El Paso's golf club has 75 members. White Oaks is to have a telephone system.

D. R. Francis is the new operator at the Captain depot.

Father Midgeon will celebrate mass Sunday in Kramer's hall at 9 a. m.

Manager Potter of the Hotel Alamogordo, reports that business is fast picking up.

Work on Carl's ice factory is making that place loom up as important as any of the new buildings of the town.

The contract for building the new Methodist Episcopal church of Alamogordo has been let to O. D. Warnock.

Thomas O'Connor, able seaman, passed over the White Oaks Monday as a patient for Fort Stanton's marine hospital.

Over 1,000 delegates are attending the Fort Worth live stock convention. The aggregated wealth of the stockmen now there is \$300,000,000.

Governor Otero's report on New Mexico has been received at this office. It contains a splendid article on the resources of Otero county.

The name of the old prospector who was found frozen at the head of Cox canon is John Voss. He had no friends or relatives in this section.

W. A. Coe reports that stock is doing as well this winter as it ever has in his recollection. Snow is plentiful on the foot hills and the stock is exceptionally fat.

Captain R. E. Harris, formerly of the Texas rangers, and well known in this country, has with his son sailed from New York to South Africa to fight in the Boer-English war.

The ore shipments from the San Andreas have been reaching the railroad by way of Tularosa, but will soon be diverted to Lavi by a good wagon road in course of construction.

The firm of Prado & Johnson of Tularosa, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Johnson retiring. This firm has been in business for three years, and during this time has built up a good trade and made many friends. The new firm will be Prado & Bro.

See Window Display and low prices of Musical Instruments

RHOMBERG'S

Jewelry and Music Store. P. O. Block

C. R. Collins of El Paso, has been rendered judgment for \$10,000 damages, against the G. H. & S. A. railroad, for the loss of an arm.

Col. Harvey's American restaurant in El Paso has been temporarily closed to permit of the introduction of some modern cafe conveniences.

Will Craven returned from San Augustine the first of the week with a bunch of cattle purchased from W. W. Cox.—Tularosa Democrat.

Hon. Thomas F. Conway, one of the most famous attorneys in the west, died at his home in Silver City last week. For some years he was a law partner with Hon. W. A. Hawkins of this city.

Rev. A. A. Hyde, while digging a drain in his garden at the Methodist parsonage in Santa Fe, found a skeleton a few inches below the surface. The skeleton was that of a man, but judging by appearances must have long been buried.

For staple & fancy groceries go to Peoples Bros.

A New Establishment.

Harvey's New American restaurant in El Paso has been closed by the owner of the establishment, and he proposes on January 18 to open a fine cafe and buffet for gentlemen. A delegation of Alamogordians will doubtless attend the opening and give the owner a send-off in his new venture. Colonel Harvey is well and favorably known in Alamogordo. He was one of the moving spirits in the early fortunes of the city, was founder and first president of the Alamogordo Commercial club and was prominently mentioned as the first candidate for mayor in the new city of Alamogordo.

Traveling men will of course be attracted by Harvey's new idea, and there is no doubt that he will hold their custom.

A large invoice of ladies, gents & children's shoes just received by Peoples Bros.

"Good Bread and How to Make It" free at Peoples Bros.

Addition to Family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Herbert, at Lincoln, Jan. 9, a ten pound boy. Mother and baby doing nicely.

ED. ASHLEY

GUS STAUDT

Ho for El Paso!

Let us off at

Sunny South

Saloon and Restaurant.

Open day and night. Fine Wines, Liquors and Cigars. Mixed drinks a specialty. Best dinners in El Paso from 12 to 2:30

Thrown Open.

The Alamogordo Improvement company announces that it is now ready to sell one-acre and five-acre tracts of land, with water, adjoining the town of Alamogordo. The land in question will prove exceptionally good for fruit growing and gardening, and throwing open the locality means that it will attract several hundred new residents to Alamogordo.

For the Public.

The Alamogordo Women's club wish to correct a misunderstanding in regard to the library. It is not for the exclusive use of the club, but for the public. There will be a nominal charge for tickets entitling the holder to take books from the library; also for the privileges of the reading room.

Finished by February 1.

"In spite of the snow," said C. R. Eddy of the El Paso and Northeastern this morning, "tracklaying is going steadily ahead on the mountain line. Yesterday the men at work had to shovel a foot depth of snow off the drift before they could go to work on actual rail laying, and yet they laid 1700 feet of track."

"As things look now we will certainly have the track laid by February 1. This morning another batch of Mexican laborers went up to go to work."

"As to our coal, the output has increased to ten cars a day, and we have on the way down today thirty-seven cars. This is divided between the local yards, and the Southern Pacific and the Mexican Central."—Herald.

## THE CHANGE IN MEXICO.

"Facts and Figures" Refutes Former Ideas of Government.

In the eyes of a majority of the people of the United States, Mexico occupies the same place today that it did twenty-five or thirty years ago, when the republic was in the throes of internal convulsions and ready to fall at any moment; when the personal rights of citizens and foreigners alike were in continual jeopardy and property rights without any safeguards whatever. For- eigners can now go there and are granted every protection to both life and property that any government could secure and under this new condition of things foreign capital has done for Mexico in the last few years what a century or more failed to do under the old dispensation. The change has been entirely unconscious to the majority of the people of our own land to such an extent that even those who have lived on the very border for years do not know of the change unless by chance, such a pamphlet as the one issued by the Mexican Central, is brought to their notice.

—Mail orders for drugs, patent medicines, soap, perfumes, candies, etc., will receive prompt attention when sent to Aragon Bros.

ASKING ABOUT NEW MEXICO

Places from Which Letters of Inquiry Were Received in One Day.

The bureau of immigration reports an increased demand all over the United States for information of a varied character concerning New Mexico, the climate, business opportunities and chances for investment in land, manufacturing enterprises, fruit growing, farming, mining, live stock and the lumber industry. The bureau answers every inquiry with a letter, giving the special information desired, and also other printed matter, which cannot fail to interest those whose eyes are turned toward New Mexico, and others to whom the printed matter may be shown.

Will BE A SUCCESS.

Over 200 Tickets Sold—Program of the Evening's Entertainment.

The Women's Club entertainment Friday evening at the Alamogordo Club building, will be well attended, over 300 tickets having been sold already. Following is the program which has been prepared:

Overture—MARTHA Mrs. O. D. Warnock

Vocal Solo—YA MERRY BRIDE Miss Beidleman

Recitation—LEGEND OF BRENZ Mrs. Hall

Selection—MANDOLIN QUARTETTE Miss Rhombberg, Messrs. Rhombberg, Drake and Tibbitts

Vocal Duet—A WINTER LULLABY Miss Beidleman, Mr. Maud

Recitation—SELECTION Mrs. I

Trio, Intermezzo—CAVALERO RUSTIC "CANO, Mandolin and Flute with Piano" Messrs. Waldschmidt, Manning and Rhombberg

Farce—AT THE KING'S HEAD Mrs. E. M. Harter, Mr. Arthur Tibbitts

REFRESHMENTS. Ice Cream and Cake.

Admission 25 cents.

Record Representative in Town.

P. J. Clark, representing the El Paso Industrial Record, visited Alamogordo today. He was one of the passengers on the first White Oaks train from El Paso to Alamogordo.

—Best candy in town at Aragon Bros. drug store.

—New Commercial hotel. American plan. One dollar and \$1.25 per day. Rooms 25c and 50c. Opposite S. P. depot, El Paso.

SHUT at the Front.

Gray has a football ground now, and the first game there was played on New Year's day by the boys from Captain and Fort Stanton. The Captain boys came out ahead, so the Salado is at the front as usual.—Eagle.

WANTED—A good saddle horse. Price \$25. Leave word at this office.

A fine line of platinas at Buck's photograph gallery, Alamogordo.

1899.

New York Life Insurance Co.

The oldest and largest life insurance company in the world.

JOHN A. McCALL, President.

Insurance in force \$1,060,000,000.

Held by over 200,000 policy-holders who are the company, who own the company, and who receive the PROFITS of the company.

No. 346 & 344 Broadway, New York, Dec. 30.

This company having closed its books for the year 1899 at noon today, announces that it has insured during the year 100,000 individuals in the sum of over

202 Million Dollars.

of insurance on which the first premiums have been paid to the company in cash. This is more than the company has ever placed in 1898, and now the company has over

1050 Million Dollars

of paid for insurance in force, which is over

116 Million Dollars

more Paid-for insurance in force than it had a year ago. These results have been accomplished at a lower expense ratio than even that of 1898.

During the year the company has paid in living policy holders, in maturing policy holders and other cash benefits over

11 Million Dollars.

During the year the company has paid to its living policy holders, in maturing policy holders and other cash benefits over

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During the year the company has loaned direct to 9,244 of its policy-holders, on the sole security of their policies, upwards of

4 Million Dollars.

at 5 per cent. interest, without fee or other charge. During the year the company has paid to its policy-holders in dividends over

\$2,850,000.00,

which is over \$100,000 more than was paid in 1898.

RALPH HALLORAN, Manager.

Albuquerque, N. M.

## NEW MANAGER.

Thompson Succeeds Welles at the Captain Coal Mines.

An important change has been made in the management of the Captain coal mines. Mr. T. L. Welles, in charge, relinquished the management to J. T. Thompson who has been, up till now, the general superintendent of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

President Eddy states, regarding the change: "It is simply that a man is to take charge as general manager at Captain who is more familiar with western conditions in coal mining. He understands thoroughly both the physical conditions governing coal mining in the west, and the character and characteristics of western coal miners."

"Mr. Thompson has had experience in handling the largest coal outputs in the west, and this means that our output, easily to be increased, will be quickly and properly handled."

To Mr. Welles, credit is due for the careful and scientific manner in which the Captain mines have been opened up. It is generally conceded that to his careful development work is due the large initial output.

—The celebrated Washburn mandolins, banjos and guitars at Rhombberg's, P. O. block.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Earl Pierce Has Shot Located by X-Rays and Extracted.

Earl Pierce, son of R. H. Pierce, underwent a successful surgical operation in El Paso this week for the purpose of having some shot extracted from his wrist. After using the X-rays to locate the shot, Dr. Horsley removed six of them. Earl was injured about a year and a half ago, by a gun which he was carrying slipping from a saddle and it became necessary to amputate the hand. The shot hit in his wrist, troubled him considerably and it was finally decided to have the operation above mentioned performed.

—We have just received 300 shirts from drummers samples which we will sell at 25 per cent. below regular price. No two alike. CASH CLOTHING CO.

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